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1. Jena-pharm, which was started as a section of the Schottwerke in Jena, is an independent undertaking under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Knoell. Basic research and industrial production of immunization material is carried out using bacteriological and mycological techniques.
2. About 150 people are employed, and there are plans to increase the number to 1,200. Prof. Knoell is in charge. He is assisted by Dr. Zapf, who has charge of the scientific laboratory and of photography; Herr Weinland, formerly of I.G. Farben; and Dr. Koehler, who is working on penicillin.
3. Prof. Dr. Knoell received the Eastern Zone National Prize in 1949 for his production of penicillin. Originally he was a protégé of Privy Councillor (Geheimrat) Harting, from Zeiss, Jena, but lately their relationship has become cool. Knoell is described as a capable and accurate scientist, and has many ideas. However, he is inclined to disperse his energies, takes too much credit for work done with collaborators, and seems vain and filled with his own importance. This description comes from his collaborators. His weakest point is obviously his ambition.
4. Knoell seems to have been politically neutral until last year when he changed to a definite pro-Communist slant, at least in his public statements. Geheimrat Harting claims some of the credit for the change, but it seems more probable that the credit should go to Frau Knoell who is described as being strongly pro-Communist. The Russians have apparently shown their good will in all possible ways, including the furnishing of the Knoell apartment in Jena, where they are frequent and well liked guests. Knoell visits Berlin frequently, driven in a car given him by Minister Selbmann and with a chauffeur supplied by Jena-pharm.
5. Main activities:
  - a. effect of viruses and bacteriophages on bacteria (apparently coli).

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- b. the influence of poison on the cell nucleus of bacteria.
- c. influence of colchicin on bacteria, and the countereffect of penicillin and sulfa.
- d. study of chemical agents on cancer cells and similar organisms in line with Lattre's work.
- e. influence of penicillin and other antibiotics on bacteria.
- f. study of the influence of ultrasonic effects on bacteria to determine if mutations can be produced.

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